

SCALLOP FISHERY SAMPLING PRIORITIES

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- **Every haul** should be observed, *i.e.* complete catch information for both kept and discarded species is recorded, during on-watch periods.
- Collection of length frequencies and age samples should occur at least after **every other observed haul**.
- At minimum, **half** of the hauls should be observed and **one quarter** of the hauls should be biological sampled during a trip.
- At approximately the midpoint of the trip, the observer should switch watches in order to ensure collection of data most representative of the entire trip.

SCALLOP SHELL HEIGHT FREQUENCIES

- A random sample of at least 100 scallops should be collected and measured **from each disposition** (*i.e.* kept and discarded).
- Collect shell height frequencies from **only one dredge** per haul.
- Sample alternate dredges (*i.e.* port and starboard) each time biological sampling of scallops is conducted.
- Generally, scallop shell height frequency sampling should be the first priority for all hauls, with finfish sampling being second priority.
- For **at least** one haul per watch, finfish sampling should be first priority.

FINFISH SAMPLING

- Collect finfish length frequencies as a first priority for at least one haul per watch, and on additional hauls, as time permits.
- If a haul has an exceptionally large amount of finfish bycatch, finfish sampling should become first priority for that haul.
- Collect finfish length frequencies and age structures from **both dredges** per haul.

VOLUMETRIC MEASURES OF SCALLOP MEATS

- ➔ **On the first haul of each watch only**, the volume of meats corresponding to the length frequency sample from the **kept** portion of the catch (whole scallops) should be measured.
- ➔ The volume of this sample must represent the meats of **all kept and measured** animals.

If it is not possible to biologically sample a particular haul in the manner outlined above, the alternate sampling method followed should be recorded in the comments section of the corresponding [Haul Log](#).

Table 1d. Length frequency and age structure sampling priorities in the scallop fishery.

Species	Length Frequencies		Age Structures	
	Kept	Discard	Kept	Discard
Flounder, NK	3	3	2	2
Flounder, Summer	2	2	1	1
Flounder, Yellowtail	2	2	1	1
Monkfish	2	2	1	1
Scallop, Sea	1	1	-	-

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